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Letter dated 28 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement from the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation in connection with the tragic death of Andrey Gennadievich Karlov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Turkey (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 82 and 108, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Churkin**

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Annex to the letter dated 28 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, seventh convocation, in connection with the tragic death of Andrey Gennadievich Karlov, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Turkey

Andrey Gennadievich Karlov, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Turkey, lost his life in a terrorist attack on 19 December 2016 in Ankara, the capital of Turkey. He was an outstanding diplomat and a man who had spent his entire life in service to the ideals of peace, humanity and friendship among peoples.

The deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation wish to express their deep condolences to his family and friends, and also to his colleagues and all those who had the good fortune to know and work with this exceptional professional, who was a courageous human being.

Deeply outraged at the brutal killing of the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation, whose mission it was to develop genuine neighbourly relations between the peoples of Russia and Turkey, the deputies of the State Duma vehemently condemn terrorism in all its manifestations. The assassination of a diplomatic representative of a State is the very gravest of crimes, one that flouts international law in the most heinous way.

The perpetrators of this barbaric and provocative act, and also those who guided the terrorist's hand, must receive the punishment they deserve for inciting Russophobia, inter-ethnic, sectarian and interdenominational hatred, extremism and fanaticism. Furthermore, additional security measures must be taken in order to rule out any potential future attack on the heads or staff of Russian diplomatic missions and consular offices abroad.

The deputies of the State Duma call for urgent and effective cooperation between the law enforcement and other agencies of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and other States whose actions, rather than words, reflect their goal of the total elimination of terrorism in the region and worldwide.

The deputies of the State Duma fully support the statement by the Security Council of 19 December 2016 containing a specific reference to the need to bring the perpetrators, organizers and sponsors of terrorism to justice. The deputies of the State Duma call upon the parliaments of the States Members of the United Nations to adopt the necessary legislative measures targeting the sponsors of terrorist operations in order to disrupt the financing of international terrorism.

Those who commit the very basest of actions, including murder and intimidation, in an attempt to interfere with full-scale cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey, and who do their utmost to hamper the establishment of a genuine counter-terrorism coalition aimed at achieving

security and stability all across the continent of Europe, are labouring under futile hopes.

The resolute and unequivocal condemnation by the Turkish leadership of the terrorist attack in Ankara confirms our certainty that the actions of these agents of incitement will be adequately addressed, and that despite all efforts by opponents, Russian-Turkish cooperation will be genuinely effective and productive.

Such an outcome, which contributes to the establishment of peace and tranquillity in the region, the liberation of all communities from terrorists, and the restoration of peace in troubled Syria, would be, in the unanimous opinion of the deputies of the State Duma, the best tribute to the memory of a courageous son of our nation, Andrey Gennadievich Karlov. His noble deeds and lofty aims will live on in our grateful hearts forever.

The State Duma calls once again upon the parliaments of the nations of the world, and upon international parliamentary organizations, to decisively condemn those who have participated in recent acts of violence targeting diplomatic missions and their staff, to speak out with resolve against international terrorism in all its manifestations and to unite to establish an effective counter-terrorism coalition.

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Chairman of the State Duma of the
Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Moscow, 21 December 2016